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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Wild Horse and Burro Populations on HMA's administered by the Tonopah BLM office.

SUMMARY

I contacted Amy Dumas, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist with the Tonopah BLM, regarding her most current estimates of wild horse and burro populations. She provided me with a scanned page of an internal document which listed the results of population surveys on the Herd Management Areas (HMA's) which her office was responsible for. The document also extrapolated data from those surveys, which were performed in 1997, 1998, and 2000, and provided estimates of 2005 populations based on best available knowledge of reproductive rates and mortality rates. She informed me that since it was an internal document, it was not citable for purposes of the Caliente RA EIS, so we will use the data and cite it as a personal communication with Amy Dumas.

CC:

Completed by: Tim Bennett

Tonopah Field Station Battle Mountain Field Office
Estimates based on 16% increase from 2002 figures or census data
Projected populations after 2004 foaling season.

FY2004 December 15, 2004

HMA#	HMA Name	Allotment Name	AML Established	AML #	LUP #	2004Pop. <i>Estimate</i>
314	Pilot Mountain (Dunlap)	Monte Cristo	FMUD 2002 HMA# 314 managed by Carson City Field Office	69 (h)		176
614	Little Fish Lake	Wagon Johnnie	Court May, 1992—Census Feb 2002	39 (h)		19
616	Hot Creek	Hot Creek	Court May, 1992—Census Dec 2002	41 (h)		44
618	Stone Cabin	Stone Cabin Willow Creek	Court May, 1992—Census Dec 2002 USFS administer Total AML =	364 (h) <u>54aum</u> (h) 364		281 0 281
619	Reveille	Reveille	FMUD 2001	138 (h)		129
620	Saulsbury (Monitor USFS WHT-BLM only)	Hunts Canyon Ralston	Court May, 1992—Census Dec 2002 Court May, 1992	30 (h) <u>10</u> (h) 40 (h)		85 28 113
621	Paymaster	Sheep Mountain Montezuma* Monte Cristo Yellow Hills Unallotted	FMUD 2003 FMUD 1994 FMUD 2002 FMUD 2003 Total AML =	28 (h) 5 (h) 8 (h) 1 (h)	<u>7</u> (h) 49 (h)	102 10 30 8 27 177
622	Fish Lake Valley	Fish Lake Valley Monte Cristo Silver Peak Red Springs Ice House	FMUD 2005--AML pending, census'03 FMUD 2002 FMUD 2005 - AML pending FMUD 1995 FMUD 2005 - AML pending Total AML = pending	1 (h) 57 (h)	0(h) 3(h) <u>4</u> (h) 65(h)	0 1 4 70 7 82
623	Silver Peak	White Wolf Silver Peak Red Springs Ice House Magruder Mountain* Emigrant Peak	FMUD 1995—Census 2003 FMUD 2005 - AML pending FMUD 1995—Census 2003 FMUD 2005-AML pending-Census 03 FMUD 2004 - FMUD 2005 - AML pending-Census 03 Total AML = pending	50 (h) 28 (h) 4 (h)	193(h) 34(h) <u>3</u> (h) 312(h)	10 99 52 113 2 0 45 (h&m)5 (b)
624	Palmetto	Magruder Mountain*	FMUD 2004 - new AML pending	76 (h)		0
625	Montezuma Peak	Montezuma** Magruder Mountain* Yellow Hills	FMUD 1994 FMUD 2004 FMUD 2003 Total AML =	142 (h) 13 (h) 2 (h) 157 (h)		16 (h) 20 (b) 1 (h) <u>1</u> (h) 18 (h) 20 (b)
626	Goldfield	Montezuma**	FMUD 1994	125 (h) 50 (b)		15 (b)***
627	Stonewall	Montezuma**	FMUD 1994	50 (h) 25 (b)		0
628	Gold Mountain	Magruder Mountain*	FMUD 2004 - AML pending	Pending 78 (b) 0 (h) 50 (h)		36 (h)
629	Bullfrog	Razorback Montezuma** Springdale #2	FMUD 1994 FMUD 1994 FMUD 2001 - AML pending Total AML = pending	53 (b) 12 (h) 130 (b)	<u>2</u> (b) 12 (h) 185 (b)	2 (b) 16 (b) <u>16</u> (b) 34 (b)***
630	Sand Springs West	Sand Springs	Court May, 1992	49 (h)		101

Census in: '97, '99, '00

* Magruder allotment PMUD. FMUD not completed yet		Tonopah Planning Area	1411 (h)
**Montezuma FMUD was under appeal in early 1990s. Appeal dropped, FMUD numbers used			74 (b)
*** Based on field observations, more horses or burros exist in the field than shown in the table.			

Estimated numbers based on field observations :

Paymaster—Most of the horses in this area are outside the HMA between Highway 6 and the Silver Peak Road. Close to 200 have been counted from the roads. Estimate should be closer to 250 animals.

Goldfield—Approximately 15-20 burros should be the estimate for Goldfield.

Bullfrog—Based on residents' complaints, more than 26 burros exist in and around Beatty. However, I have yet to see more than 10 "stealth burros."

SUMMARY:

Tonopah Planning Area
(h) & 74 (b)

(AML # + LUP #) = 1427 + 753 = 1,729 (h) & 53 + 247 = 300 (b)

(Current Population) = 1411

District

(AML # + LUP #) = 1809 + 2166 = 3,975 (h) & 323 (b)

(Current Population) = 4664 (h)

& 86 (b)

Six HMAs are over AML in the TFS area.